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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 2,
1975:

QOTE: I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. PRESS RELEASE NO. 1, FOR
1975, IS BIO-DATE ON RICHARD PARKER, WHO IS BEING SWORN IN
THIS AFTERNOON AS OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE DEMOCRATIC AND
POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA.

Q. DOES THE DEPARTMENT KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH SECRETARY
BREZHNEV?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON HIS CONDITION.

Q. HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN TOLD BY THE EGYPTIANS THE
REASON FOR HIS POSTPONEMENT OF THE TRIP THERE?

A. WELL, I REALLY CAN'T BE VERY HELPFUL TO YOU. I HAVE TO
REMAIN BASICALLY IN THE POSTTION OF NOT COMMENTING ON
THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EGYPT.

IT WAS ON THE WIRES TUESDAY THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO
SAW PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS
THAT MEETING, OR THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT MEETING.

Q. PAUL, IT WASN'T ON ALL THE WIRES -- EXCUSE ME, IT
WASN'T ON ALL THE WIRES. ARE YOU CONFIRMING THAT EILTS
SAW SADAT AND WAS GIVEN AN EXPLANATION BY SADAT.
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A. I WOULD JUST MERELY CONFIRM THE FACT THAT HE SAW
PRESIDENT SADAT, YES.

Q. YOU ARE NOT CONFIRMING THAT THE WIRES CARRIED THAT,
WE DON'T NEED THAT -- BUT YOU ARE CONFIRMING THAT
EILTS SAW SADAT?

A. YES.

Q. AND HE GOT A REPORT?

A. NO, I AM JUST NOT DISCUSSING THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH
THE AMBASSADOR AND THE PRESIDENT HAD.

Q. WOULD YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ACCOUNT OF
THIS DISCUSSION -- WAS IT RELAYED TO THE SECRETARY IN
PUERTO RICO?

A. BARRY, I THINK YOU KNOW, ATTEMPTING TO DISSECT THE
METHODS IN WHICH WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS YOU HAVE TO
ALWAYS ASSUME THAT THERE IS REPORTING BETWEEN OUR
AMBASSADORS, OUR EMBASSIES OVERSEAS, AND THE DEPARTMENT.
AND THAT THIS IS ENTIRELY NORMAL. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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